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## Our Air Defense Command Knows About Them

# Russian Jets Flying 'Recon' Missions In Skies Above Us

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Keep your eye on Manuel Ray,  
one-time Minister of Public

Works in the Castro regime,  
for a carefully-manipulated  
build-up as the Kennedy ad-  
ministration's favorite leader  
among the Cuban refugees.

An engineer who studied in  
Idaho, Ray has the backing  
of powerful White House inti-  
mates.

Foremost among them are  
Attorney General Robert Ken-  
nedy, one of the small inner  
group of presidential advisers  
on the Cuban crisis, Dr. Walt  
Rostow, head of the State De-  
partment's policy planning  
council, and Richard Goodwin,  
deputy assistant secretary of

State for Latin American af-  
fairs.

The backstage word is that  
Ray is to head up the little-  
publicized Cuban Revolution-  
ary junta recently organized  
in Puerto Rico.

Rostow and Goodwin played  
leading roles in setting up the  
junta.

Under the guise of attend-  
ing a manpower conference in  
Puerto Rico, the two in-  
fluential State Department of-  
ficials spent more than a  
week laying the groundwork  
for the junta and formulating  
plans to install Ray as its  
leader in preparation for a  
drive to oust Castro without

direct U.S. intervention.

Working closely with Ray is  
another one-time high Castro  
official — Raul Chibas, who  
headed the Cuban railroads.  
Ray and Chibas broke with  
Castro after a year of his  
bloody and chaotic rule.

Other prominent refugees  
active in the Cuban Rev-  
olutionary junta are Jose R.  
San Martin, architect and  
builder, Jose Gomez Rod-  
riguez, and Rogelio Cisneros.  
The last two are coordinators  
of the anti-Castro under-  
ground in Cuba.

Rival refugee leaders are  
critical of Ray on the ground  
he is a "dedicated left."

In these quarters it is con-  
tended Ray's aim is to re-  
place Castro with a coalition  
government that would in-  
clude Cuban Communists. It  
is being said that Ray's basic  
policy is "Castrolism without  
Castro."

Goodwin is credited with  
having an important hand in  
the activities of the mys-  
terious Alpha 66 anti-Castro  
operations.

While Goodwin was in  
Puerto Rico, it is known he  
met with members of this  
group and visited the two PT-  
boats with which they have  
made raids. Alpha 66 is also  
said to have at least one arm-

Dr. Rostow is reliably un-  
derstood to have discussed  
Cuban affairs with certain in-  
dividuals during his brief visit  
to West Berlin on Oct. 18-20,  
on the eve of President Ken-  
nedy's dramatic demand to  
Khrushchev for the removal  
of Soviet missiles and other  
"offensive" weapons.

According to refugee  
sources, Rostow, in these se-  
cret talks in West Berlin, urg-  
ed that "erratic" and "unsta-  
ble" Castro be replaced with  
Ray as head of a coalition  
regime.

Important congression-  
al leaders have been apprised  
of these back-room deals and  
are looking into them.

Jets are flying high-level  
reconnaissance missions over  
southeastern United States.

Originating from Cuban  
bases, these Soviet reconnais-  
sance flights have ranged as  
far north as Georgia and as  
far west as Texas. They are  
being made by two twin-  
engine jets piloted by Rus-  
sians.

The Red reconnaissance  
flights are being fully track-  
ed by the Air Defense Com-  
mand, which could inter-  
cept and destroy these jets at  
any time.

But that is barred by ex-  
plicit Defense Department or-  
ders. Under its directive, the  
Soviet reconnaissance plane  
are kept under constant  
surveillance and that is all.  
Pentagon sources say these  
orders are on the express  
authority of President Ken-  
nedy.

Tightest official secrecy sur-  
rounds this matter. Military  
and other spokesmen will give  
no information regarding the  
number and frequency of  
these high-level Soviet recon-  
naissance flights, or any other  
details. All questions are  
countered with "no comment."

Congressional leaders

have gotten wind of this have  
been told one intelligence  
theory is that the purpose of  
these Russian reconnaissance  
flights is to "assure" Cas-  
tro the U.S. is not preparing  
to invade Cuba.

This disclosure is causing  
much concern among the con-  
gressional leaders. Several in-  
tended to speak to the President  
personally about it without  
delay. They particularly want  
to know how long the Reds  
will be allowed to continue  
these reconnaissance flights  
over the U.S. without inter-  
ference.

NEW REBEL LEADER

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